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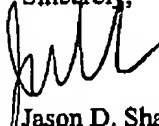
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TO: Ramesh Krishnamarthy
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FROM: Jason D. Shanske
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MESSAGE: Dear Mr. Krishnamarthy:

Attached please find a copy of the Response filed on May 7, 2004 to the Final Office Action issued on December 17, 2003 in the subject patent application and a copy of the return receipt postcard indicated receipt of the Response by the USPTO on May 10, 2004.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence via return facsimile.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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SUBJECT: Applicant: Stuart Lawson
 Serial No: 10/009,474
 Filed: November 16, 2001
 For: A VALVE ASSEMBLY WITH DAMPER MEANS
 Group: 3753
 Examiner: Ramesh Krishnamurthy
 Docket No: (J-225J)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 in the subject application. Also enclosed is an Extension of Time Within the Second Month along with a check for the amount of \$210.00 for the extension filing fee.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference

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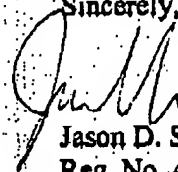
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in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

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